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## ANARCHY ALONG C.E.R.

Railway Constantly  
Destroyed.

JAPANESE ADVANCE FROM  
HARBIN.

2,000 Chinese  
Casualties.

Harbin, Yesterday.

The Japanese continue  
to advance rapidly in  
four directions from  
Harbin.

They are proceeding  
up the Huhai Railway,  
while along the Sungari  
River they have occu-  
pied Sansing and Fang-  
cheng, which places put  
up a stiff resistance.  
The Chinese casualties  
were reported to be  
2,000.

Along the western branch of  
the C.E.R. the Japanese have  
occupied Antachan, eighty miles  
from Harbin, the defeated Chi-  
nese retreating to the west.

But, while the Japanese advance  
along the eastern branch of  
the C.E.R., the Chinese troops  
are growing more active. Be-  
tween the advancing Japanese  
and Harbin a large force of  
Chinese is operating along the  
C.E.R., within sixty miles of  
Harbin, and a Japanese armoured  
train has been sent to assist  
the Manchukuo garrisons.

Along the whole of the eastern  
branch of the C.E.R. anarchy  
prevails and the railway is con-  
stantly being attacked and de-  
stroyed. — Reuter.

## BOMB OUTRAGE.

Mr. Shigemitsu Loses  
His Right Arm.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Despite the desperate efforts of  
the doctors, Mr. Shigemitsu has lost  
his right arm.

Dr. Goto, the famous Japanese  
surgeon who was rushed here from  
Japan at the time of the bomb out-  
rage, decided that he must ampu-  
tate, and shortly after the signing  
of the Peace Treaty this morning  
Mr. Shigemitsu entered the operat-  
ing theatre.

The amputation was successful.  
— Reuter.

INVENTOR OF MILLS BOMB  
LEAVES \$37,829.

Over 75,000,000 Made For  
Allies In The War.

London, Yesterday.

Sir William Mills, the inven-  
tor of the famous Mills Bomb,  
who died last January at the  
age of seventy-six, left \$37,829.  
This is only a little over the  
\$30,000 granted to him by the  
British Government for the in-  
vention of his bomb.

Seventy-five million mills  
bombs were made for the Allies  
during the War. — Reuter.

## UNITED STATES PLAN TO RESTORE SILVER BORAH'S PROGRAMME FOR WORLD RECOVERY

"WE HAVE NO LEADERSHIP."  
DECLARES SENATOR

Washington, To-day.

A threefold programme for the world's econo-  
mic recovery, namely disarmament, a settlement  
of Reparations, and the restoration of silver to the  
place it occupied before 1925, was outlined in a  
crowded Senate to-day by Senator W. E. Borah,  
who expressed the opinion that a return of world  
property was otherwise impossible.

He concluded by asserting that if the United  
States threw its influence behind the movement to  
restore silver it would succeed.

"We have no leadership," was his parting shot.  
— Reuter's American Service.

[Senator William Edgar Borah, Chairman of the Foreign Re-  
lations Committee in the United States Senate, is one of the most  
prominent political figures in America. Born in 1865, he was ad-  
mitted to the Bar in 1889 and practised at Lyons, Kansas, until 1891,  
and was elected U.S. Senator for Idaho in 1903 by 22 votes. He has  
been re-elected at various periods ever since.

He has often been mentioned as a candidate for the Presidency  
of the United States.]

## TO-DAY'S TRAFFIC COURT.

Dangerous Driving  
Case.

FINE OF \$20.

At the Traffic Court sitting in  
the Central Magistracy this  
morning, Inspector R. H. E.  
Marks summoned Tsui Chu-  
chuen, a fitter of the Nga Cheung  
Garage, before Mr. W. Schofield,  
for dangerous driving on April  
24. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Inspector Marks said he was  
a passenger in his own car trav-  
elling towards Aberdeen, going  
uphill. When near the main gate  
defendant's car came down, his

speed being about 35 miles an  
hour.

On seeing Inspector Marks's  
car, he could not take the cor-  
ner, putting on his brakes, and  
swerving to the side of the road.

"He just missed me by  
inches," said Inspector Marks.  
His Worship imposed a fine of  
\$20.

## COOLIE KILLED BY TRUCK.

Cheung So, a licensed motor  
driver, reported to the Police  
that yesterday afternoon he was  
driving a Sanitary Department  
lorry in Wing Lok Street, and in  
passing a hand truck, he acci-  
dentally knocked down one of the  
Chinese coolies. The man was  
taken to hospital where he died  
from internal injuries.

## SHARP REBUKE TO DE VALERA BY DOMINION SECRETARY

THE DUTY OF THE  
BRITISH GOVERNMENT  
OFFER TO SUBMIT DISPUTE TO  
COURT OF APPEAL

London, Yesterday.

Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether  
he would consider the advisability of submit-  
ting the dispute over the treaty with the Irish Free  
State to a specially constituted Court of Appeal or  
to an International Court, Mr. J. H. Thomas,  
Secretary for the Dominions, replied that Mr. De  
Valera had deliberately chosen to propose the abo-  
lition of the Parliamentary oath from the Irish  
Free State — a constitutionally unilateral action —  
British Wireless Service.

Mr. Thomas added in reply to a supplementary question:—  
"The matter in dispute is the Treaty agreement between the two  
parties. It is customary when there are differences of opinion for  
one or the other to ask for a consultation to discuss them."

"Mr. De Valera, without consultation or intimation of any  
kind, proposes to break his side of the Treaty. It is not for us as  
Government being the other party to the Treaty to do other than  
call attention to the fact that he has broken the Treaty." — British  
Wireless Service.

## GANGSTERS' THREAT TO EDISON'S SON.

Invention Held Up If \$50,000  
Is Not Paid.

Philadelphia, To-day.  
"Give us \$50,000 (Gold), or  
we shall prevent you marketing  
your invention," is the threat  
held by racketeers over Mr.  
William Edison, son of the  
famous inventor, Thomas  
Edison, who died in September,  
1931.

Mr. Edison has placed the  
matter in the hands of the  
Police, who are on the trail of  
the gangsters. — Reuter's  
American Service.

## STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

Payment Postponed  
Under the Moratorium.

WAR DEBTS TO  
AMERICA.

London, Yesterday.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer,  
Mr. Neville Chamberlain, stated in  
the House of Commons to-day that  
the next payment for interest on  
War debts to America fell due on  
June 15 next, but had been post-  
poned under the Hoover Mora-  
torium. The next payment there-  
after fell due on December 15.

There would be no doubt an op-  
portunity to discuss the Govern-  
ment's policy with regard to War  
debts and Reparations before the  
last-named date.

Asked whether the two payments  
would have to be made in Decem-  
ber next, Mr. Chamberlain replied  
"only one." — British Wireless Ser-  
vice.

## DELEGATE TO OTTAWA CONFERENCE.

Sir Douglas Newton to  
Advise on Agriculture.

London, Yesterday.

It was announced in the House  
of Commons to-day Sir Douglas  
Newton, the Member for Cam-  
bridge, had been appointed Adviser  
on agricultural questions to the  
United Kingdom Delegation to the  
Ottawa Conference. — British Wire-  
less Service.

Varied Experience.  
Sir George Douglas Newton, who  
is Chairman of the National Agri-  
cultural Council and Water Com-  
panies Association, was born in  
1879. His mother was a daughter  
of the 11th Earl of Dundonald.  
Educated at Eton and Cambridge,  
he was appointed a Sheriff for Cam-  
bridgeshire and Huntingdonshire in  
1909, and in 1911 was elected as  
Vice-Chairman of Cambridgeshire  
County Council. From 1917 to  
1919 he acted in an honorary capa-  
city as Assistant Secretary to the  
Ministry of Reconstruction.

## H.K. TELEPHONE COMPANY VICTIMISED.

Theft from New Wharf.

The Hong Kong Telephone Com-  
pany have reported to the  
Police that 85 yards of tele-  
phone cable, valued at about  
\$250 was stolen from the new  
vehicular ferry wharf, under  
construction at Kowloon Go-  
downs. The theft occurred be-  
tween March 21 and May 4, but  
it was not until small corrections  
were being made that the loss  
was discovered.

## WATER SHORTAGE IN THE COLONY

WASTE CONDEMNED AS  
"DISGRACEFUL"

USE OF SEA WATER URGED FOR  
DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

LOCAL DOCTOR'S SUGGESTION

"The wastage of fresh water in the Colony is  
nothing short of a disgrace," declared Dr. H.  
Balean, partner in the firm of Balean and Black, to  
a "China Mail" representative to-day.

People were using on an average 22 gallons of  
water, he said, and this amount was far in excess  
of the quantity required for normal uses. There  
was no need, for instance, to use fresh water for  
flush purposes, as salt water could adequately do  
the work.

Dr. Balean briefly outlined a scheme by means  
of which salt water should be used for all domestic  
purposes other than for consumption, and remark-  
ed that if this were done water shortage would be  
unheard of.

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## HONG KONG LEFT IN THE HANDS OF ACTING OFFICIALS

GOVERNOR, C-IN-C,  
G.O.C., CHIEF JUSTICE  
AND CHIEF OF POLICE  
ALL ABSENT

HON. MR. W. T. SOUTHOORN  
SWORN IN

With the departure this morning, on six  
months' furlough, of His Excellency the Governor,  
Sir William Peel, K.B.E., K.C.M.G., another name  
is added to the list of the high officials of the Colony  
who are now away either on furlough or official  
matters.

Those prominent in the administration of the  
Colony who are absent include the Commander-in-  
Chief, China Station, Admiral Sir W. A. H. Kelly,  
K.C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., His Excellency Major-  
General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who  
is in Shanghai on military matters, the Chief Jus-  
tice, His Honour, Sir Joseph Kemp, Kt., C.B.E., who  
left yesterday for Shanghai, to sit in the Full Court,  
and the Hon. I.G.P., Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, who is home  
on leave.

Mr. D. Burlingham, Divisional Superintendent of Police, Kowloon,  
will also be going home on leave  
to-morrow.

During the absence of His Ex-  
cellency, the Hon. Mr. W. T.  
Southorn, C.M.G., will act as Officer  
Administering the Government.

Distinguished Crowd.

A large and distinguished crowd  
gathered at Queen's Pier shortly be-  
fore 11 a.m. to bid farewell to His  
Excellency and Lady Peel, and  
Connaught Road, was thronged  
with people who watched the de-  
parture.

The departing couple spent some  
time meeting their many friends,  
and His Excellency, dressed for  
several minutes with a contingent  
of Chinese and English, who  
lined the pier, in charge of  
Mr. J. Langley, Corps Secretary

## OPERATION ON PREMIER

Successful Treatment  
of Right Eye.

SATISFACTORY  
CONDITION.

London, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister's  
right eye was success-  
fully operated upon this  
afternoon. — Reuter.

Anxiety Relieved.

The condition of Mr. Ram-  
say MacDonald's eyes recently  
caused his physician, Sir Thomas  
Horder, and the oculist, Dr.  
W. S. Duke-Elder, considerable  
anxiety.

MR. MACDONALD.



The Premier will be unable  
to attend the Geneva Disarma-  
ment discussions.

His left eye was successfully  
operated upon, but his medical  
advisers were not satisfied with  
the state of the right eye and  
decided to obtain a third opinion  
in order to reach greater certaint-  
y of decision as regards further  
treatment.

The eye showed appreciable  
benefit as the result of three  
hours' consecutive rest daily  
which the Prime Minister took  
at Geneva. The doctors insist  
that the relaxation must be  
maintained and also that he must  
cut down his attendance and  
work at the House of Commons,  
although it is anticipated that  
Mr. MacDonald will be able to at-  
tend the Lausanne Conference.

The King's Interest.

A bulletin issued this evening  
stated:—"The operation on the  
Prime Minister's right eye was  
undertaken successfully at four  
o'clock this afternoon."

At the request of H.M. the  
King, the result of the operation  
was telephoned to His Majesty  
at Buckingham Palace at the  
earliest moment. — British  
Wireless Service.

ALFONSO'S SON IN  
BRITISH NAVY.

Leaving For Two Years  
Cruise on Warship.

Fontainebleau, Yesterday.  
Don Juan, the third son of  
Ex-King Alfonso of Spain,  
having finished his studies at  
Dartmouth Naval College, Eng-  
land, has returned here. It  
is reported that he will be  
leaving again shortly to join a  
British warship on a cruise to  
India in order to gain practical  
experience at sea. He will be  
absent for two years. — British  
Wireless Service.

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## ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

### OFFICIAL SOURCES.

#### ALEKO AND PANTHEA.

Aleko is at the Queen's Theatre with Princess Panthea this week and the future is an open book to anyone who cares to consult the famous mind readers. Members of the audience have tested the accuracy of the well known pair with any manner of queries about health, love, marriage, missing friends and even the number of children in the family.

Aleko is an amazing man. Whether or not you believe his predictions, you feel that. He was born in Greece and educated in Egypt. Since his youth he has travelled all over the world as an entertainer and he speaks 12 languages.

As to his discovery of his gift of telepathy he says: "At the age of 5 my mother asked me jestingly whether she would get some mail, and I answered that she would get a letter, and told her whom it would be from. It turned out right, and after that she did it often, and finally became convinced that I had power of some kind. She helped me to cultivate it, and I have given all my time and energy to developing that power."

Princess Panthea, who travels with Aleko, and who was his student for some years, was also born psychic, he says, and many people who talked to her on previous appearances have been coming in to tell her of things which came true.

#### "KEPT HUSBANDS."

Being a kept husband used to be a good business economically, but not so good socially.

But things are different now and the young man who marries a rich girl for both love and pecuniary gain helps even up the social balance and aids in the distribution of wealth.

"Kept Husbands" now showing at the Queen's Theatre, with Dorothy Mackaill and Joel McCrea in the featured roles, puts a new light on this business of marrying wealthy mates.

Prominent social economists, among them Dr. Hamilton Updyke, noted California savant, contend that the wedding of the poor to the rich is nature's safety valve in distributing wealth.

"There is no more sense," Dr. Updyke says, "in saying that a man is a kept husband just because his wife is rich than there is in calling a woman a kept wife just because the distribution of money is on the other side."

"Nature is wise," he argues. "It will not for long allow any single person or family to possess unwieldy material wealth. The effect of this would be disastrous economically and lead to the servile form of patronage and enslavement which characterised the old feudal days."

"So what happens? This wealth is eventually dissipated and balanced, either by marriage to poorer persons, which is the normal method, or by losses through bad management, which is another, but less pleasant manifestation of the law of economics."

Now that the stamp of approval is upon them, young men can marry rich girls and feel that they are abetting nature in maintaining the economic stability of the world."

"Kept Husbands" which was directed by Lloyd Bacon, also features the following noted players in its cast, Clara Kimball Young, Bryant Washburn, Robert McWade, Florence Roberts, Mary Carr, and Freeman Wood.

### "DELICIOUS."

What may be described as "the chase" in motion pictures takes on a new form in "Delicious," the Fox musical romance with Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell in the stellar roles, now playing at the King's Theatre. It occurs when Miss Gaynor, as an immigrant girl from Scotland attempts to evade the immigration officials.

Three days were required to film this episode, during which time Janet fled from stateroom to stateroom on the huge liner, raced down companionway's slid down mail chutes to land amid a mountain of sacks and packages, at last to take refuge from her pursuers in the box stall of a polo pony.

"I've been chased before in pictures," Janet said while these scenes were being filmed, "but never before have I been required to do quite so many stunts, to get into such unusual places, and above all, to seek out a polo pony's stall in which to hide."

"Delicious" is a Fox melody romance that marks Miss Gaynor's return to the screen as a singer. She introduces "Somebody From Somewhere," which is but one of the six George Gershwin tunes featured. David Butler directed.

### "THE NIGHT ANGEL."

Nancy Carroll, brilliant and vivacious star of "The Devil's Holiday," "Laughter" and "Stolen Heaven" will be seen at the King's Theatre on next Sunday in her latest Paramount production—"The Night Angel."

It is another of the remarkable products of the very fertile mind of Edmund Goulding, the genius who wrote and directed "The Trespasser" and "The Devil's Holiday."

Goulding not only wrote and directed the film but wrote the lyrics and composed the music for the one song presented in the picture. "The Night Angel" is a tense and exciting romantic drama whose scenes are Prague, ancient capital of Bohemia and modern city of Czechoslovakia.

Nancy is seen as Yula, the young daughter of an unregenerate countess and March, as the young lawyer, recently elected chief prosecutor of the city.

### "THEIR MAD MOMENT."

"Their Mad Moment," new Fox production in which Warner Baxter and Dorothy Mackaill are co-featured, showing at the Central Theatre to-day, is laid in the picturesque Basque country.

The Basques are a remarkable race of people dwelling in the south west corner of France and northern part of Spain on both sides of the Pyrenees mountains. They are believed to be the descendants of the ancient Iberi who occupied Spain before the Celts, although their origin is shrouded in mystery.

The French Basques, known as Gascons, settled at the end of the sixth century on the north side of the Pyrenees between these mountains and the Garonne rivers. After a long struggle they submitted to the kings of the Franks.

The Basques preserved their ancient language, former manners and their national dances, and make admirable soldiers. They are good seamen and are the first Europeans who engaged in whale-fishing.

The typical Basque man at home wears rope soled canvas shoes, a bright coloured shawl and of course a beret. A time honoured custom is that Basques shall return

## RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme.

7.3-7.30 p.m.—Operatic.  
The Magic Flute Overture

(Mozart),  
Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Symphony Orchestra L1001R.

Lakme—Bell Song (Dellibes)  
Eva Leon (Soprano) L1988.

The Valkyrie—  
Ride of the Valkyries (Wagner),  
The Bayreuth Festival

Orchestra L2017.  
Rigoletto—Quartette (Verdi),  
Maria Gentile, Ebe Stignani,  
Alessandro Grandi and  
Carlo Galeffi L2310.

8 p.m.—Local Tiff.  
7.30-8.10 p.m.—Variety.

Song—  
Love is Like That,  
Ten Cents a Dance,  
Ruth Etting DB440.

Organ Solo—  
Bells Across the Meadow,  
Anonymous G8855.

Song—  
A Sergeant of the Line,  
Harry Dearth (Baritone).  
DX300.

Cornet Duet—  
The Merry Makers,  
Jack Mackintosh and John  
Robertson MR312.

Vocal Duet—  
Honey-moon Lane,  
Val Rosing and John Burnaby  
MR419.

Orchestral—  
Oh! Sailor Behave—Selection,  
The Midnight Minstrels  
MR340.

Humorous Song—  
National Economy,  
I'm Waiting Now for any kind  
of Sweetheart,  
Norman Long DB676.

8.10-8.15 p.m.—  
"Columbia on Parade" in which  
Nineteen of Columbia's  
Greatest Artists and Bands  
provide a unique entertainment,  
DX299.

8.10-8.45 p.m.—Orchestra and  
Band Music.  
Toy Symphony (Haydn),  
Felix Weingartner conducting  
the British Symphony Or-  
chestra DX311.

What's Next? (arr. Finck),  
Herman Finck and His  
Orchestra DX304.

The Jolly Robbers—  
Overture (Suppe),  
The B.B.C. Wireless Military  
Band.

8.45-9.15 p.m.—Instrumental.  
Cello Solo—  
Après Un Reve (Faure),  
Air for G String (Bach),  
Gilberto Crepax 5168.

Piano Solo—  
Berceuse (Chopin),  
Minuetto from Suite (Suk).

home at harvest time from wherever  
the world they may be. Many of  
the families have accumulated for-  
tunes and thousands of acres of  
land.

Among famous Basques of our  
day are Uscudun, the prize fighter,  
Jean Borotra, the French tennis  
wizard and Rascal Mellar, the  
famous singer and dancer, who is a  
Spanish Basque.

In this picture, which was co-  
directed by Hamilton MacFadden  
and Chandler Sprague, Warner  
Baxter has the role of a romantic  
Basque with whom Dorothy Mac-  
kail as a frivolous American  
society girl, falls in love.

The supporting cast including  
Zasu Pitts, Nance O'Neil, Law-  
rence Grant, are others equally  
well known.

## GERMAN EXPEDITION TO HIMALAYAS.

### Second Attack on Nanga Parbat.

A German expedition is shortly leaving Munich with a view to attempting the ascent of Nanga Parbat in the Kashmir Himalayas. Unlike several of the Himalayan giants Nanga Parbat stands in majestic isolation thousands and thousands of feet above its neighbours. Again in contrast with the many attempts to scale Everest and Kanchenjunga only one attack has hitherto been made on Nanga Parbat—an attack that ended disastrously in 1895. While heights greater than the summit of Nanga Parbat have been attained by Everest expeditions and heights as great have been scaled on Kanchenjunga, the record for the greatest summit ascent is at present held by the Smythe Expedition which last Summer conquered Kaimet—some 25,000 feet in altitude. Mr. Smythe, the leader of that expedition, and member of one of the Kanchenjunga expeditions, has also been reported as contemplating an attack on Nanga Parbat. Neither Mr. Smythe nor the Bavarian school have much to learn in the technique of mountaineering and rock climbing at great altitudes.

Ignaz Friedman L2260.  
Organ Solo—  
The Vision of Fuji-San  
(Ketelbey),  
Reginald Foort DX315.

Viola Solo—  
Chant Sans Paroles  
Tchaikowsky, arr. Tertis,  
Melody in F (Rubinstein, arr.  
Tertis),  
Lionel Tertis 5280.

9.15-9.45 p.m.—(Approx):  
Relay from the Helena May In-  
stitute of the last Four Items  
of the Overseas League Con-  
cert.

Programme.  
1. Instrumental Trio—  
Miniatures—Set III  
(Frank Bridges),  
Mrs. Balean, Mrs. Arnold  
and Miss Balean.

2. Song—Selected,  
Mr. A. Hyde Lay accom-  
panied by Mrs. A. Hyde Lay.

3. Recitation—  
"Castles In The Air"  
(Stanley West),  
Mrs. Dawes.

4. Song—  
"Do You Believe in  
Fairies?"  
Miss B. C. Parke accompanied  
by Mrs. A. Hyde Lay.

9.45-10.25 p.m.—  
Selections by Ted Lewis with His  
Band and Pianoforte Solos by  
Billy Mayerl.

Pianoforte—  
You Can't Stop Me From Loving  
You,  
The March Parade, ..... DB639.

Band—  
Russian Lullaby,  
When The Curtain Comes Down,  
5369.

Pianoforte—  
Evergreen Selections,  
Little Tommy Tucker Selections,  
DE380.

Band—  
The Little Old Church In The  
Valley,  
Dip Your Brush In The  
Sunshine, 2467-D.

Pianoforte—  
Song Hits Medley ..... DB584.

Band—  
Moonlight Madness—  
Then You Were Gone,  
Goodnight ..... 5345.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.  
All records in the above Euro-  
pean Programmes are kindly sup-  
plied by Messrs. Anderson Music  
Co.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

### COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

#### Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels, and King's Restaurant.

To-day—Overseas League Concert, Helena May Institute, 9.15 p.m.

#### Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre:  
"Delicious."

To-day—Queen's Theatre:  
"Kept Husbands."

To-day—Central Theatre:  
"Their Mad Moment."

To-day—Majestic Theatre:  
"Fast Life."

To-day—Star Theatre:  
"General Crack."

#### Lammerts' Auction.

May 10—At Kowloon Naval Depot, old and surplus Victualling stores, 9.30 a.m.

#### Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from America (Pres. Jefferson); from Europe via Siberia (Shinyo Maru and Ranpura); Outward for America and Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan), 10 a.m.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Suez (Ranpura), 10.30 a.m.

#### Land Sale.

May 9—At P.W.D. offices, two lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

#### Meetings.

May 18—Fifty-first ordinary meeting of Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, noon.

May 27—Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., 59th meeting, Messrs. Jardine's Offices, 11 a.m.

May 27—China Fir Insurance Co., Ltd., 68th Meeting, Messrs. Jardine's Offices, 11.15 a.m.

May 27—British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., 66th meeting, Messrs. Jardine's offices 11.20 a.m.

May 19—Fifty-first ordinary General Meeting of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, noon.

### CURATE AS KNOCKER-UP.

The Rev. C. N. Reynolds, curate of Ellenbrook and Boothtown Church, writing in the current issue of the parish magazine, says:

"The congregations on Sunday mornings at 10.30 have increased a little, but they are still unreasonably thin. If any heavy sleepers would like me to come and knock them up at nine o'clock I will do so if they will then come to the church. This is quite a serious matter."

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

GRIND SALAD  
RETORT SOLACE  
ABET ONT LICE  
SAM SPOON ROD  
ST S EDW H SS  
ENTERS DART  
ARES TIDE  
SPIN CREDS  
TO PPOES AP  
EFT HENNA TOA  
ATOP TED ADDS  
SERIES STREET  
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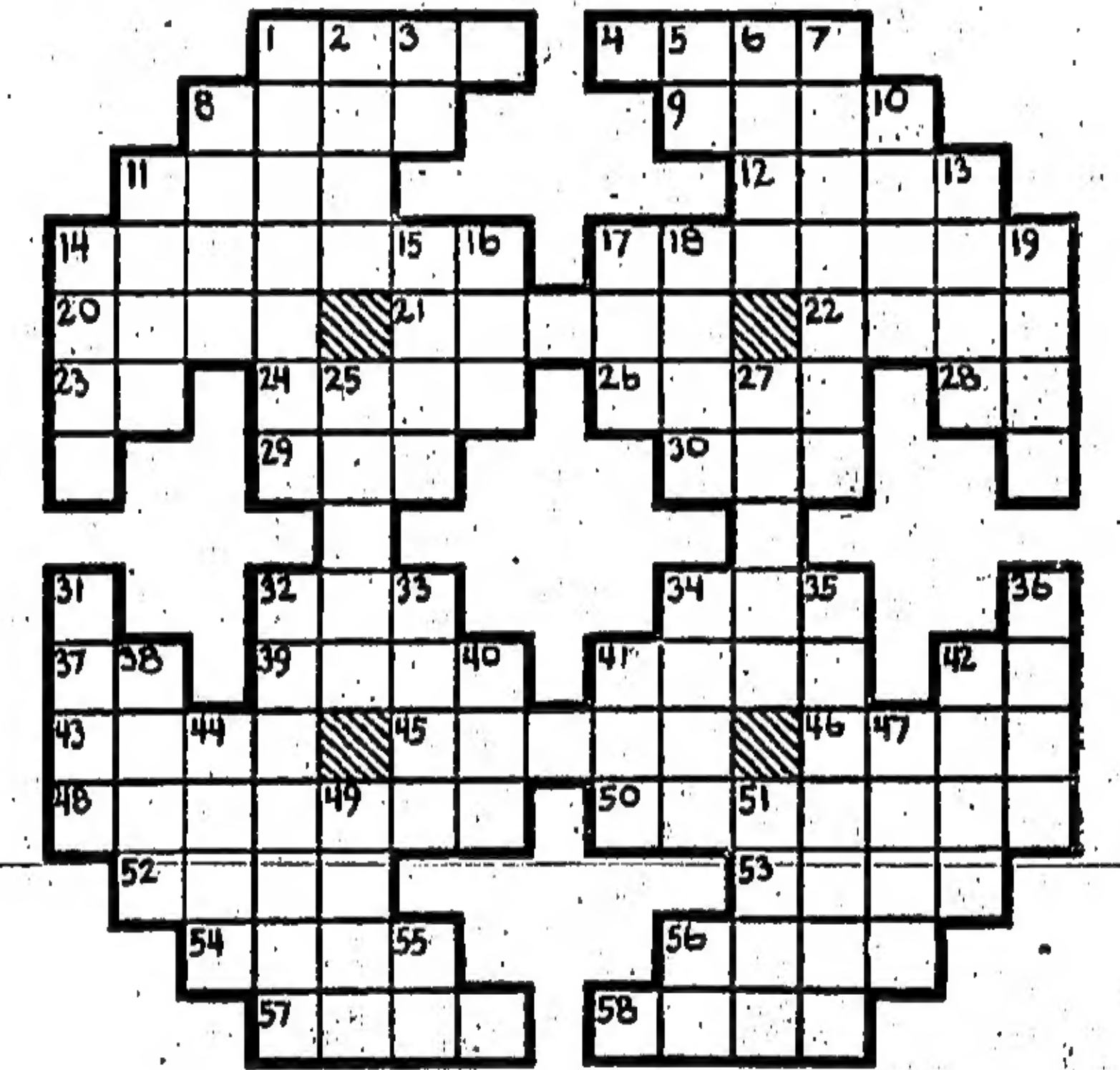
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



#### HORIZONTAL

1—Epoch  
4—Dock  
8—Woody part of a plant  
9—Agitate  
11—Observed  
12—Boy's name  
14—Began  
17—Wanted  
20—Ferment  
21—The vertical part of a step  
22—Beloved  
23—Ahead  
24—Dry  
26—A thin piece of baked clay  
28—Square land measure (abbr.)  
29—To the sheltered side  
30—Angry  
32—August  
34—Strike  
37—Each (abbr.)  
39—Title of former Russian rulers  
41—Glass in a window  
42—Extremely

#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

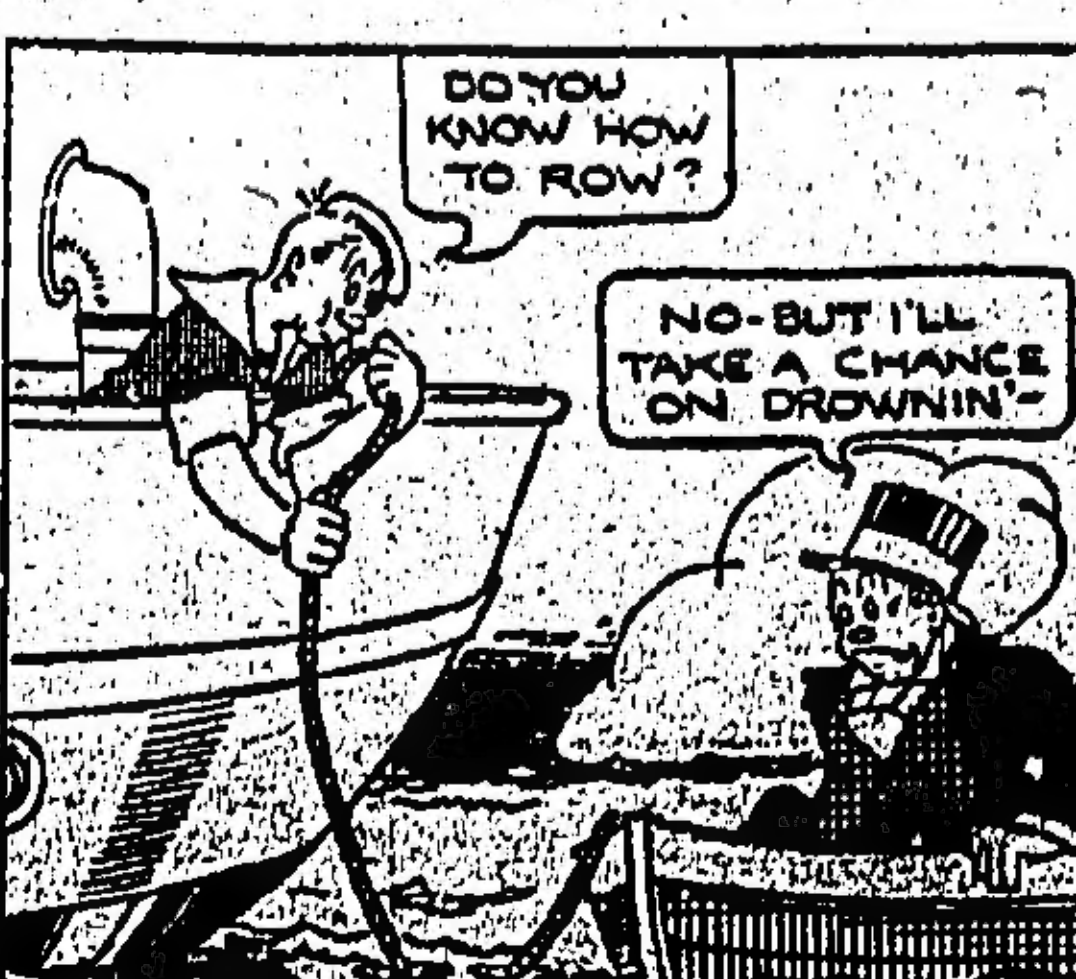
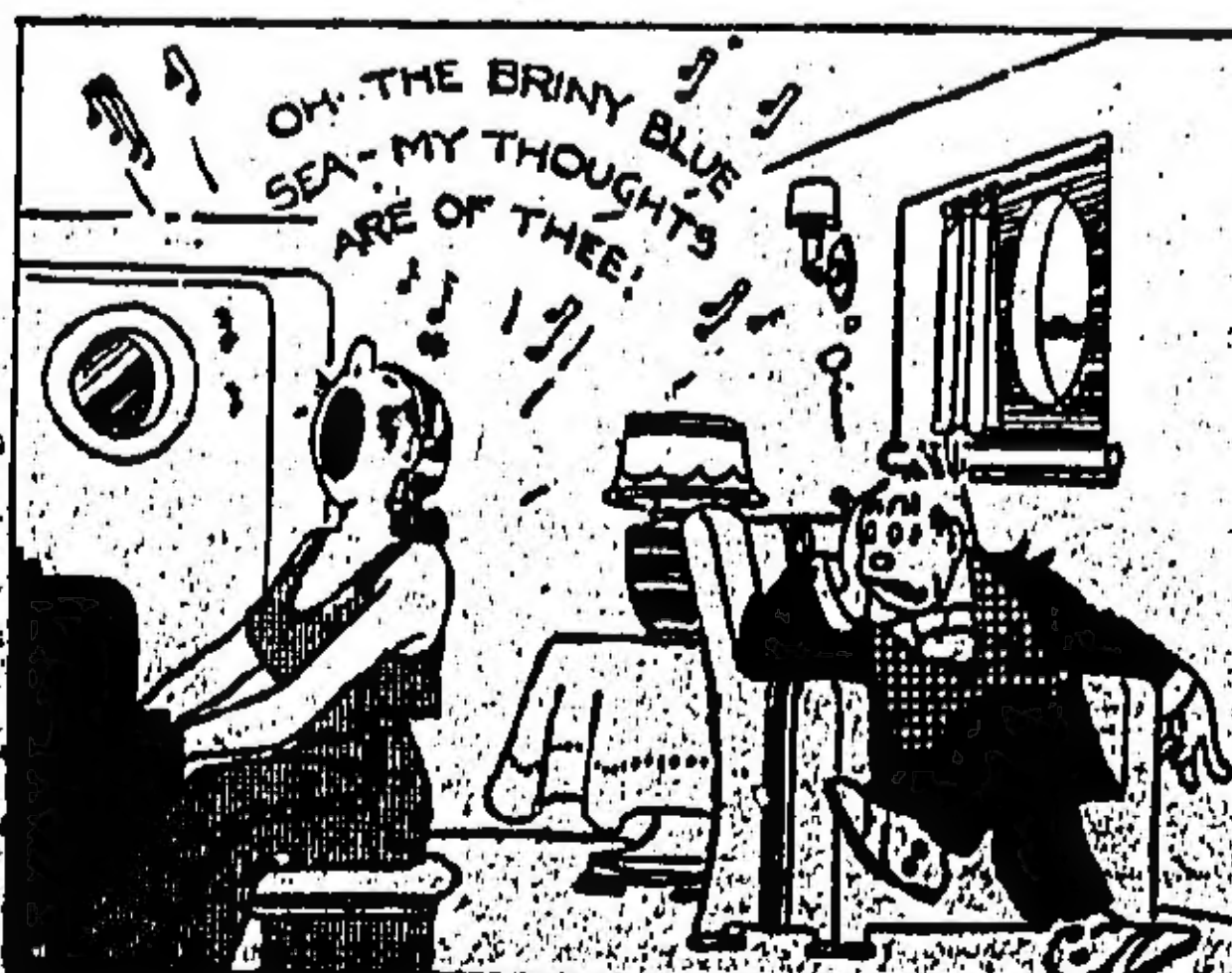
43—Interjection (said to a cat)  
45—Allude  
46—Units  
48—Turned aside, as a boat  
50—Regions on each side of the head above the cheek bone  
53—An eagle  
55—A table adapted for writing  
56—River in Germany  
58—Employ  
57—To strike with the open hand  
59—Sacred bull (Egypt. Myth.)  
VERTICAL  
1—Forever  
2—Lease  
3—Part of "To be"  
5—Pronoun  
6—A king who makes Gundrum his wife (Scot. Myth.)  
7—Produced  
8—Wither

#### VERTICAL (Cont.)

10—Part taken by an actor  
11—To stupify by a blow  
13—Cross by  
14—Cease  
15—Large lake  
16—Accomplished  
17—Series  
18—Nest  
19—Let fall  
25—Long grass stems  
27—The dead language  
31—Smaller quantity  
32—Serves  
33—Venture  
35—Passions  
36—Specks  
38—Pain  
40—A color  
41—Pavish mood  
42—Search  
44—Combining form.  
47—Besides  
48—Stages  
51—1602 (Roman)  
55—Egyptian sun-god  
56—Horse-power (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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## TO-MORROW'S HOME FOOTBALL

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Everton and Pompey

## ENGLISH LEAGUE.

## First Division.

	HOME.						AWAY.								
	Goals						Goals						Total		
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Total	
Everton	20	18	2	0	84	27	21	8	9	4	32	34	20	56	
Arsenal	20	13	2	5	47	15	21	8	8	5	38	32	21	52	
Wednesday	21	14	3	4	60	27	20	8	10	2	35	51	18	50	
Huddersfield T.	21	11	2	8	47	23	20	7	11	2	30	40	16	46	
Sheffield United	21	14	4	3	47	29	20	6	11	3	32	43	15	46	
West Bromwich	20	12	4	4	36	28	22	8	12	2	38	33	18	46	
Aston Villa	20	15	1	4	62	25	20	4	10	6	38	41	14	45	
Portsmouth	21	14	5	2	37	31	20	4	11	5	15	41	13	43	
Liverpool	21	13	4	4	35	28	20	6	12	2	25	46	11	44	
Birmingham	20	13	3	5	48	22	21	4	13	3	27	45	11	42	
Newcastle United	20	13	2	5	52	28	21	5	15	1	28	56	11	42	
Chelsea	20	11	5	4	49	25	20	4	12	4	25	44	12	38	
Blackburn R.	21	12	6	3	57	41	27	20	4	13	3	32	54	17	37
Derby County	21	13	4	1	50	25	21	1	15	5	20	50	7	38	
Middlesbrough	20	12	6	2	40	28	26	21	3	14	5	24	62	11	37
Manchester City	21	10	6	5	49	30	25	21	3	11	7	34	43	13	36
Sunderland	21	11	6	4	42	29	26	21	4	11	6	25	44	12	36
Bolton Wanderers	20	14	5	1	43	24	29	21	2	16	3	37	45	7	36
Leicester City	21	11	7	3	46	39	25	20	4	13	3	27	45	11	36
West Ham U.	21	9	7	5	35	35	23	20	3	15	2	25	67	8	31
Blackpool	21	9	8	4	42	20	22	20	2	13	5	20	61	9	31
Grimsby Town	19	10	6	3	34	25	23	21	3	17	1	28	69	7	30

## Second Division.

	HOME.					AWAY.									
	Goals					Goals					Total				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	A.Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	A.Pts.	Pts.				
Wolverhampton	21	17	1	3	71	11	37	20	7	8	5	42	35	19	56
Leeds United	20	11	4	5	35	21	27	21	10	6	5	42	31	25	52
Stoke City	20	13	1	6	46	19	32	21	5	8	8	22	29	18	50
Bradford	20	13	2	4	45	22	25	19	4	10	5	27	42	13	49
Bury	21	13	4	4	44	21	30	20	8	9	3	30	35	19	49
Plymouth A.	20	13	3	4	45	39	30	21	6	10	5	31	47	17	47
Bradford City	19	10	3	6	53	25	26	21	5	9	6	27	35	18	44
Tottenham H.	21	11	4	6	58	37	28	20	5	10	5	29	38	15	43
Notts Forest	21	13	4	4	49	27	30	20	3	11	6	33	44	12	42
Southampton	20	10	6	4	38	29	24	21	8	11	2	28	46	18	42
Millwall	21	13	5	3	43	29	24	20	4	11	5	18	40	13	42
Manchester U.	21	12	6	3	44	31	27	20	5	11	4	27	41	14	41
Charlton A.	21	11	5	5	37	26	27	20	5	11	4	21	38	14	41
Preston N.E.	20	10	4	6	34	24	25	21	5	12	4	38	52	14	40
Chesterfield	21	11	7	3	43	33	26	20	2	10	8	20	48	12	37
Swansea Town	20	11	5	4	43	22	26	21	4	14	3	38	53	11	37
Notts County	20	9	7	4	40	30	22	21	3	9	8	31	43	14	38
Oldham A.	20	10	7	3	39	32	23	21	6	14	1	23	51	13	33
Barnley	20	6	8	3	35	36	20	20	4	14	2	18	59	9	32
Barnsley	21	8	6	7	35	36	23	20	4	14	2	18	59	9	32
Port Vale	21	8	9	4	40	33	20	20	4	13	3	27	56	11	31
Bristol City	21	4	10	7	36	37	14	20	2	14	4	17	29	8	22

## Third Division (South).

	HOME.					AWAY.									
	Goals					Goals					Total				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F. A.Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F. A.Pts.	Total				
Fulham	20	14	3	3	69	26	31	21	9	6	6	39	45	14	33
Reading	20	18	1	1	63	21	37	21	4	9	8	32	46	16	50
Southend United	20	11	4	5	37	18	27	21	9	6	6	36	35	24	51
Crystal Palace	21	14	0	6	48	12	34	21	6	11	4	26	51	16	50
Exeter City	21	16	2	3	53	16	33	20	5	12	3	24	43	13	48
Luton Town	20	16	3	1	61	20	33	21	4	11	6	33	45	14	47
Brentford	20	10	4	6	39	22	26	21	8	9	4	28	30	20	46
Norwich City	21	12	2	7	51	22	31	20	5	10	5	23	40	15	46
Brighton	20	12	5	3	42	21	27	21	5	8	8	31	37	18	45
Cardiff City	21	14	5	2	62	29	30	20	5	10	5	25	39	15	45
Coventry City	21	17	2	2	74	28	36	20	1	13	6	34	65	8	44
Watford	20	13	3	4	45	26	30	21	5	13	3	31	52	15	43
Queen's Park R.	20	10	4	6	48	29	26	21	4	11	6	29	43	14	40
Northampton T.	21	12	6	3	48	25	27	21	4	13	4	21	43	12	39
Bournemouth	20	12	5	8	37	32	22	21	5	12	4	25	46	14	36
Swindon Town	21	12	7	2	47	31	26	20	2	14	4	22	49	8	24
Bristol Rovers	21	11	7	2	44	30	28	20	1	16	2	18	60	6	34
Torquay United	21	9	6	6	49	39	24	20	3	14	3	23	62	9	33
Clapton Orient	21	7	6	8	41	35	22	19	4	13	2	41	54	10	32
Mansfield Town	20	10	5	5	49	43	25	21	0	16	5	21	63	5	30
Gillingham	21	8	7	6	26	25	22	20	2	16	2	14	54	6	28
Thames	21	6	9	6	35	36	18	20	1	17	2	18	83	4	22

## Third Division (North).

	HOME.					AWAY.									
	Goals					Goals					Total				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F. A.Rts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F. A.Rts.	Total				
Lincoln City	21	17	2	2	68	13	36	21	10	6	3	40	30	25	61
Gateshead	19	14	2	3	57	20	31	21	10	7	4	36	30	24	55
Chester	21	17	2	2	58	22	36	20	5	9	6	24	38	16	52
Crewe Alexandra	21	16	2	3	68	27	35	20	6	11	3	31	42	15	50
Barrow	19	15	3	1	47	23	31	21	9	12	0	30	36	18	48
Tranmere Rovers	21	16	1	4	78	24	36	18	3	9	6	27	22	12	48
Wrexham	21	15	4	2	47	25	32	19	4	10	5	22	39	15	45
Southport	20	14	1	5	39	15	33	20	3	11	6	14	39	11	44
York City	20	14	3	3	49	24	31	20	4	12	4	27	57	12	48
Hull City	19	13	5	1	47	20	27	21	6	11	4	31	45	16	43
Darlington	20	13	6	1	45	25	27	21	6	12	3	27	43	15	42
Walsall	21	12	6	3	44	31	27	20	5	14	1	24	61	11	38
Accrington S.	21	14	3	4	56	23	32	18	2	14	2	19	54	6	38
Stockport C.	20	12	5	3	31	14	27	20	1	11	8	31	36	10	37
Barnsley Rovers	19	12	5	2	36	25	26	19	4	14	1	21	49	9	35
Hartlepool	19	9	6	4	41	24	34	20	5	15	0	22	60	10	34
Halifax	19	10	3	5	31	15	25	20	3	15	2	26	67	9	33
Carlisle United	19	8	4	7	37	23	23	21	2	15	4	26	59	8	31
Rotherham	20	10	7	3	41	23	23	18	3	15	0	17	48	6	29
New Brighton	19	8	7	4	26	23	20	20	0	17	3	13	53	3	23
Rochdale	19	4	12	8	33	59	11	19	0	18	1	14	61	1	12

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

First Division.														
HOME.										AWAY.				
	Goals					Goals					Total			
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.	Tot.
Motherwell	19	18	0	1	70	11	37	19	12	2	5	49	20	25
Rangers	19	16	1	2	60	11	34	19	12	4	3	51	28	25
Celtic	19	13	4	2	64	21	28	19	7	6	6	30	28	20
Third Lanark	19	15	3	1	61	29	31	19	6	10	3	31	52	15
St. Mirren	19	18	4	2	49	23	28	19	7	10	2	28	34	16
Partick Thistle	19	11	5	3	38	36	25	19	8	10	1	25	33	17
Aberdeen	19	10	8	3	33	15	26	19	6	10	3	24	15	15
Kilmarnock	19	13	4	2	50	26	18	19	3	11	5	19	44	11
Heart of	19	10	4	5	35	18	26	19	7	12	0	28	43	14
Cowdenbeath	19	11	4	4	38	28	26	19	4	11	4	23	50	12
Hamilton A.	19	11	5	3	54	29	25	19	5	11	3	30	36	13
Dundee	19	9	3	6	35	24	24	20	5	12	3	24	30	13
Clyde	19	10	4	5	37	34	24	20	8	3	4	21	40	10
Airdrieonians	19	10	2	5	45	26	25	19	3	14	2	29	53	7
Queen's Park	19	9	6	2	35	35	24	19	4	12	3	28	48	11
Morton	19	9	6	3	54	31	24	17	4	12	5	19	49	7
Ayr United	19	9	1	4	43	32	19	19	2	11	6	27	39	10
Falkirk	19	10	6	3	53	31	23	19	1	18	2	16	45	4
Dundee United	20	4	6	0	20	47	14	19	3	14	2	21	68	8
Leith Athletic	19	6	12	0	23	49	13	19	0	18	4	23	38	4







## SHANGHAI CHAUFFEUR IS GANG VICTIM

GALANT EFFORT TO DEFEND BOY  
DEFIED FIVE ARMED  
KIDNAPPERS

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, To-day.

A gallant chauffeur who refused to obey the ultimatum of five armed kidnapers in French Town, but slamed his automobile door in their faces was shot and killed in cold blood, after which the men kidnapped the fifteen-year old son of Mr. Ma Chang-san, a wealthy curio dealer, whom the chauffeur had tried to defend.

The victim, accompanied by his brother, was leaving his house en route for school when the outlaws surrounded their motor car. The leader demanded the chauffeur to desert the wheel, which he refused to, whereupon he was shot through the heart and instantly killed.

The gang smashed the glass with their pistol butts, opened the door from the inside and dragged out one boy whom the robbers hustled into their own car and decamped.

The boy's father, on hearing the shot rushed out and found the dead chauffeur and the other child.

It is noteworthy that the kidnapped victim was abducted eight years ago and detained for two months before his release.

The French Police are understood to have arrested a former employee of the family.

### TROOPS REVOLT.

500 Men March on  
Antung.

Chientao, Yesterday.  
Five hundred Kirin troops at Tunghua are reported to have revolted and are marching to Antung. Fresh outbreaks of banditry are disturbing the operation of the Kirin-Tunghua railway.—Reuter.

Murder by Bandits.

Mukden, Yesterday.  
Of a party of 10 Japanese who left Tsitsihar on a tour of inspection on April 25, three returned to Tsitsihar yesterday with the tragic news that three had been murdered and four missing after a bandit attack at Tayuehling on May 1.

Arsenal Blown Up.

Mukden, Yesterday.  
Four were killed and one injured in an explosion which occurred at the Kuanchengze Arsenal, when, according to Japanese reports, a Japanese patrol was about to arrest Chinese plainclothes men who were discovered placing an explosive under the wall of the arsenal.—Reuter.

### LAMPSON PRAISED.

Unfiring Efforts in Sino-Japanese Dispute.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
It is reported that Sir Miles Lampson will go to Nanking by air on Saturday morning, and after a brief stay there will leave for Peking.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons to-day, paid a tribute to the unfiring efforts of Sir Miles Lampson in connection with the Sino-Japanese agreement, and also the efforts of the French, Italian and American representatives and expressed his satisfaction at the outcome of the negotiations.—Reuter.

Withdrawal of Troops.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
Japanese military headquarters this afternoon made two announcements, firstly that an agreement had been signed, and secondly as the first step towards implementing it, the withdrawal of Japanese troops to their designated areas will begin to-morrow, (May 6).

To-day the English version of the Truce agreement was signed, and the Chinese and Japanese texts will be signed to-morrow. There were six copies of the English text and two each of the Chinese and Japanese.—Reuter.

### S.P.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING.

Better Housing for  
Animals Needed.

CENTRAL BUILDING.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's board room yesterday afternoon, the President (Mr. J. Russell) taking the chair. There was a representative gathering present.

Addressing the gathering, the President said, in part:—

No great schemes have been carried out during the past season's work, due to depressed conditions and lack of money the plan to build a central place for the exhibition and sale of birds and animals has not reached the building stage yet, but we have hoped that in the near future the Government will see fit to consider this very necessary building as part of the Community plans for the better housing of birds and domestic animals.

The work of our Inspectors is much appreciated and due to their efforts much needless cruelty is prohibited. The Home for unwanted dogs at Kowloon is maintained in a good and clean condition and we invite the inspection of all lovers of dogs to this section of our work.

We welcome back to our midst Lady Pollock, Lady Ho Tung and Mrs. Baker who, while on leave, we had their good wishes as our support. Our Annual Carnival Dance, while not so profitable as the previous one, was quite a success and our Foster Competition, in connection with which we are indebted to Mrs. Loseby, was of interest and proved of great help in advertising our dance. Our thanks are also due to the Press for their kindness in helping us with space to advertise our work.

I would commend the work of our society to all those who have love in their hearts. The love of animals is pointed out to us; by all great leaders and would strongly suggest to all Churches and kindred societies to help us by devoting a little of their activities to the work of protection of animals.

Our Essay Competition for Girl Guides and Boy Scouts again provided keen competition among the boys and girls of those associations. I had the privilege of being present at the presentation of the cups. We thank the leaders of those associations for the great interest taken in the Essay Competition. The

### FIVE POLICEMEN JAILED.

Found Guilty of  
Disorderly Conduct.

STEAMER INCIDENT.

At the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, the case in which five Shantung constables were charged with disorderly conduct toward Lance-Sergeant Krloff when he was in charge of the anti-piracy guard of which the defendants were members on the s.s. Sunning on April 5 last during a trip from Shanghai, was concluded.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., acting Deputy Inspector General of Police, prosecuted, while Mr. Horace Lo was for the defence.

The defendants, P.Cs. Chung Pei-yu, Kiang Dei-ching, Yuen Ho-hing, Tau Chai-po and Hsu Kai-tung, were all found guilty of the charge. First defendant, who had a very bad record, was sentenced to six months' hard labour, the second defendant to three months' hard labour, the third defendant to two months' hard labour, and the fourth and fifth defendants to one month's hard labour, each.

Mr. Wodehouse informed the Court that the defendants would be returned to Wei-hai-wei on completion of their sentences.

### BANISHEE GAOLED.

A Chinese banishee who was arrested on suspicion, by a District Watchman in Wanchai yesterday, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by Mr. Schofield, in the Central Police Court this morning.

Defendant, who was banished last year for a term of ten years, stated that he returned to get an injection! His Police record showed three previous convictions, two for breaches of the Opium Ordinance, and one for stealing.

Cups keep alive the Interest shown to our society by Sir Henry and Lady Pollock while the Cup presented to the Chinese Girl Guides keep the memory of Dear old Jack ever before us.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, J. Russell; Vice-President, D. Davis; Hon. Secretary, F. G. Maunders; Hon. Treasurer, J. B. Macdonald, C.A. Committee: Lady Pollock, Lady Ho Tung, Mesdames Baker, Forrest, Loseby, de Martin, Roffey, Wodehouse, Martell-Hall, Dr. K. C. Yeo, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Messrs. H. Owen Hughes, S. W. Ko, M. P. Talati, E. C. Tregillus, B. Veliki, and H. S. Rouse.

### PLEA FOR EMPIRE CO-OPERATION.

Dominions' Burden of  
Foreign Penetration.

JAPAN'S BLOC IN THE EAST.

London, Yesterday.

A vast scheme for inter-Imperial co-operation has been elaborated by the Empire Committee of the Federation of British Industries in preparation for Ottawa and is described as "Rationalisation of industry on an Empire Basis."

The report brings attention to the United States' efforts to make North and South America into a commercial whole, Japan forming a powerful bloc in the Far East, France building up a Colonial Empire, the Central European coalition on tapis and the fact that the Dominions are suffering as much as Britain from foreign penetration, which indicated the need of a far-reaching economic co-operation. This could be accomplished by means of a scheme of "complementary production" and the closest co-operation of the British Dominions.

The industrialists aimed at the discouragement of uneconomic production by protection and "efficient" industries and otherwise free trade within the empire with duty against the foreigner.

Monetary System.

Further recommendations embrace Imperial transport, publicity propaganda, migration, education, films and monetary policy, in which connection the committee points out that in the past 10 years there has been a default of interest and payments on £145,000,000 foreign loans issued in London, whereas no Empire country has defaulted.

The Committee recommends the exploration of all methods of international action to solve financial problems, aiming at the creation of a financial monetary system revolving round sterling, firstly within the Empire to remove inter-Empire exchange difficulties, and secondly in conjunction with foreign countries for close trading relations with the Empire.—Reuter.

### AMBITIOUS U.S.A. NAVAL PLANS.

Fear of Treaties Which  
Have Failed.

FORTIFYING THE PACIFIC.

Washington, Yesterday.

A navy "strong enough to keep the United States out of war" was demanded by Senator O. M. Hale at a sitting of the Naval Commission of the Senate to-day when he opened his campaign to pass a Bill authorising the building up of the navy to the treaty limits. He added that the passage of the Bill would strengthen the hands of the United States delegates at Geneva.

Referring to the "melancholy spectacle in the Far East," Senator Hale said: "Treaties in which we placed such implicit trust have utterly failed in their immediate effect, and with their prestige damaged, they cannot be relied on with any degree of safety in the future."

The United States navy to-day was far weaker relatively, than before the Washington Conference, he said.

Senator Hale warned Japan that the United States undertaking not to strengthen the naval fortification on the Pacific was based on the treaties guaranteeing the territorial integrity of China and the open door policy.—Reuter's American Service.

### THE "HOOVER DOCTRINE"

U.S. Foreign Policy in The  
Far East.

New York, Yesterday.

An important pronouncement on foreign policy, especially in the Far East, was made by Mr. Castle, Secretary of State, in a speech last night. He denounced the idea of a boycott against any other nation, and severely criticised the export forces on which he held the League of Nations was founded, and advanced as a new basis of international law, the "Hoover Doctrine" that "no territorial gains are to be made by the Kellogg anti-war pact should be recognised."—Reuter's American Service.



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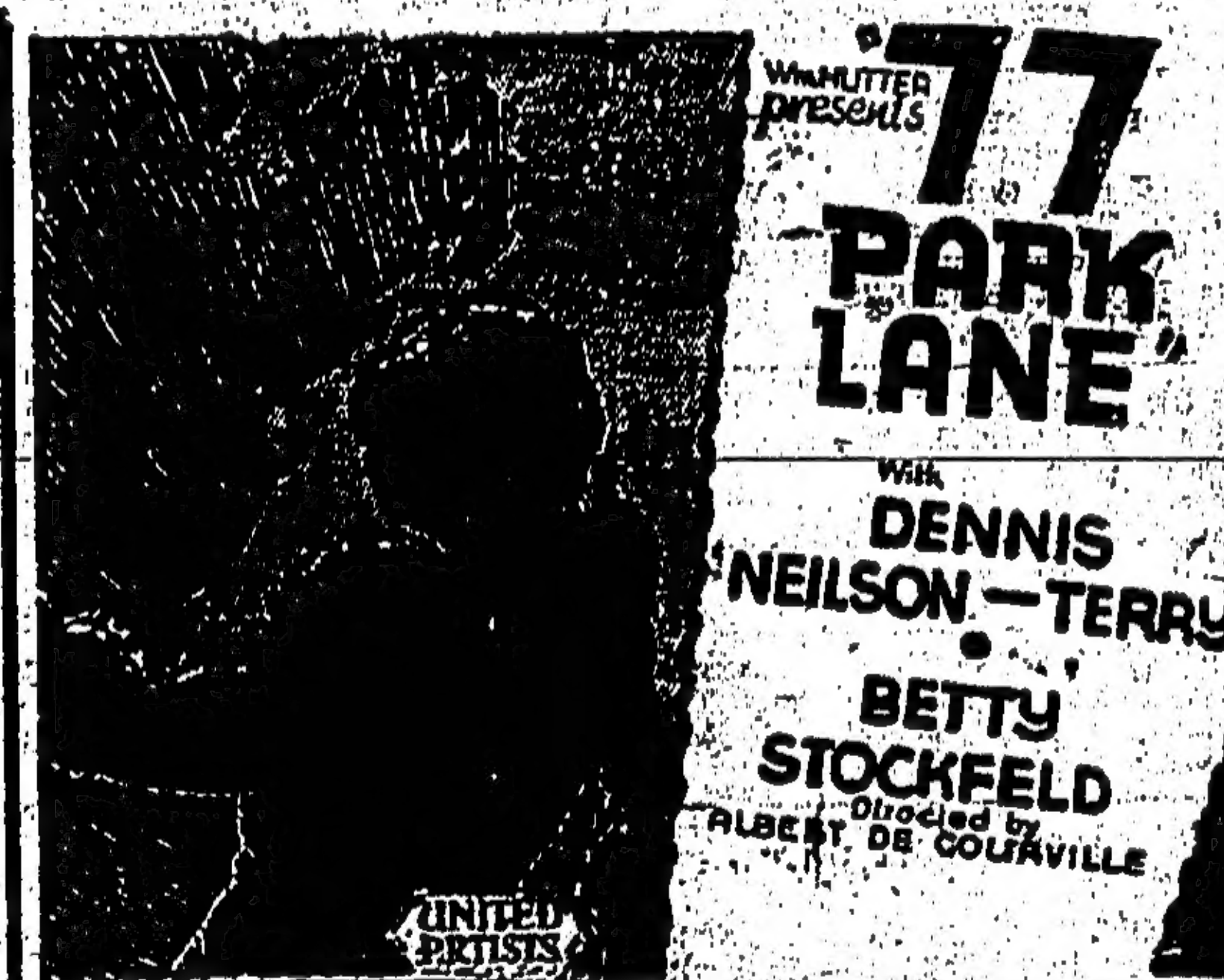
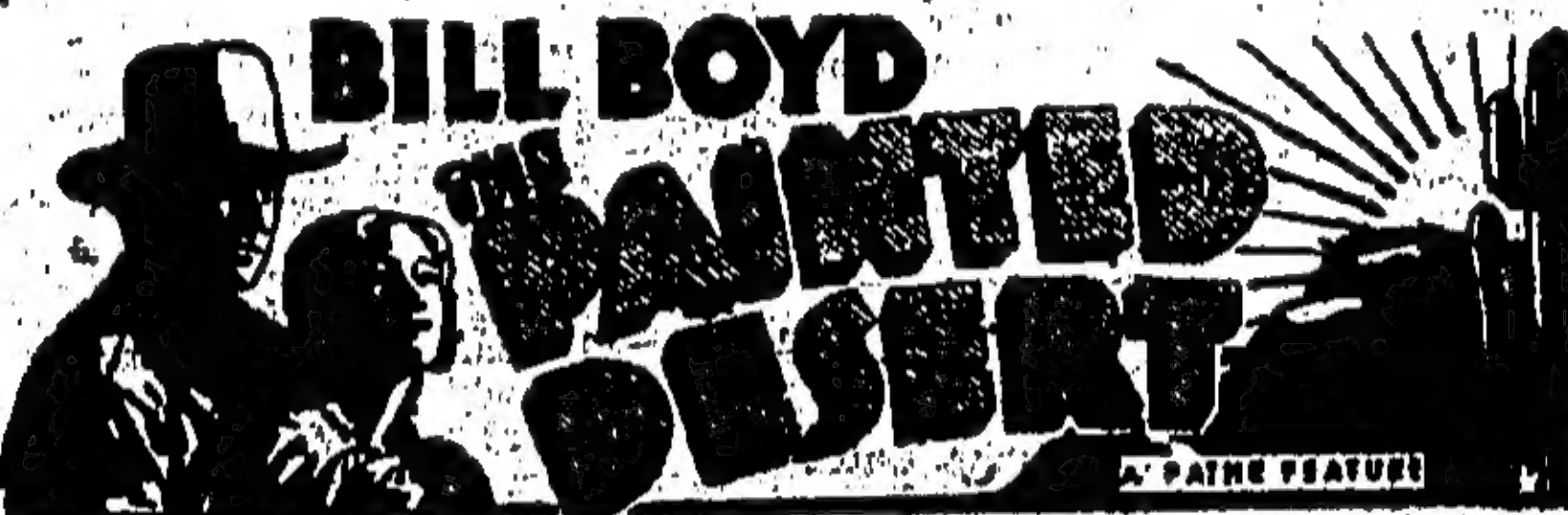
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## THE BRITISH NAVY

### SERVICE PARED TO THE BONE.

#### "Taffrail's" Opinion.

Since the war the British Navy has been pared to the bone. De liberately, and because of the belief that excessive armaments are not an insurance of world security but a menace to it, successive British Governments have urged the nations to a reduction in naval and other armaments by the most effective means in their power—by example. Almost alone among the Great Powers, Britain has not increased her naval expenditure in the last five years. Indeed, in the light of our world-wide commitments and obligations, we have taken grave risks in order that our contribution to the cause of world peace may be obvious in its sincerity, writes Taffrail (Captain Taprell Doring, D.S.O.) in the Evening Standard.

This is incontrovertible. In 1914 British naval expenditure was approximately 51½ millions, equivalent to-day to about 76 millions. In 1924 it was 56 millions odd, and in each of the years 1930 and 1931 some 52 millions. This latter figure represents a decrease of 24 millions over that for 1914, and 4 millions over that for 1924. In 1914 the United States of America spent on its Navy the equivalent of 42 millions in present currency. In 1924 the expenditure was about 70 millions, but by 1930 had increased by another eight millions. The annual naval expenditure of France and Italy is now less than before the war, but increased by about 10 millions and seven millions respectively between 1924 and 1930. In present currency Japan spent about 15½ millions on her fleet in 1914. Ten years later this figure had increased to just over 23 millions and in 1930 to about 28½ millions.

#### The Contrast.

So while the Navy Estimates of the United Kingdom have decreased by four millions since 1924, those of the other signatory Powers to the Washington and London naval treaties have increased by a total of about 28½ millions.

It is impossible to view these facts with equanimity, and the situation is further emphasised when we consider the question of naval personnel. In 1914 the United Kingdom had 151,000 officers and men; in 1924 99,453, and in 1931 93,650, the lowest since 1897. An examination of the figures for other countries shows that their personnel has increased in much the same proportion as ours has decreased.

It is unnecessary here to go into the details of the Washington and London Naval Treaties which laid down the maximum size and gun power of all classes of vessels of war, and allotted, or strove to allot, a total tonnage in each class to each of the signatory Powers. On the ratification of the London Naval Treaty, however, the British Empire, the United States, and Japan were more or less in agreement,

Japan having her proportionate quota, and the British Empire and the United States attaining parity in all classes of vessels from capital ships to submarines, subject to the United States being permitted to build a few more 10,000-ton cruisers than ourselves.

#### France's Claim.

At the London Naval Conference of 1930, however, neither France nor Italy came to any agreement in regard to the total tonnage of their cruisers, destroyers, and submarines. France maintained her claim to a very large "global" or total tonnage, coupled with a heavy building programme in all the classes of vessels named, failing further guarantees for her security by Britain and the United States. Italy demanded parity with the strongest European Power, that is, France. In short, the naval aspirations of the oceanic Powers were too widely divergent from those of France and Italy to be fully reconciled. As a result, a "Safeguarding Clause" was incorporated in the London Naval Treaty, which gave Britain, the United States, and Japan the power to increase their tonnage in cruisers, destroyers, and submarines if their "national security" were "materially affected by new construction" on the part of France or Italy.

Space will not admit of a detailed examination of the post-war building programmes of the five great Naval Powers. Of flotilla-leaders, however, really small cruisers of over 2,000 tons over 35 knots speed, and armed with 5.1 or 5.5 inch guns, France has built, is building, or has projected since 1918 a total of 30 units. But the figures of her submarine construction are the most significant. Her Naval Statute of 1924 made provision for 96,000 tons of large, and 30,000 tons of small, submarines by the end of 1936. Built, building or projected since the war she has now 41 large, 31 small, and seven minelaying submarines. They are required, the French experts state, for coastal defence, for defending convoys, for scouting, and for operations with surface vessels. Bearing in mind the lessons of the last war, and remembering the facility with which submarines can be used offensively against commerce, however, France's huge submarine programme cannot be regarded as palatable by the British Empire, whose very existence depends upon the integrity of the sea communications. International agreements for the humanisation of submarine warfare are all very well; but will they be observed by a country fighting for its existence? One doubts it.

#### Britain and U.S. Willing.

Britain and the United States have been prepared in the past to abolish submarines altogether; but other nations will not agree. A substantial reduction in France's submarine tonnage, however, should be one of

the principal aims of the Disarmament Conference at Geneva, for submarines are a threat to neighbouring Powers and particularly susceptible to illegitimate use in war. Failing this reduction, Britain, if she still wishes for REAL SECURITY, must invoke the "Safeguarding Clause" of the London Naval Treaty to bring about an increase in her destroyer tonnage. This is neither disarmament nor economy.

The British Navy already being attenuated to the point of what many people consider is insecurity, what further measures of disarmament and economy can be brought about at Geneva?

The abolition of submarines will not be agreed to by other Powers; but we might strive for a reduction in the individual size of any capital ships, aircraft-carriers and cruisers built for replacement purposes in the future. By the Washington Treaty, capital ships may be of 35,000 tons and armed with 16in. guns. This resulted in the Nelson and Rodney, costing about 7½ millions apiece. At the London Naval Conference we pressed for a reduction in the size to 25,000 tons, and of guns to 12in. No new capital ships may be laid down before the last day of 1936; but the 15 such vessels we now possess will have to be replaced some day unless they are to fall to pieces.

Whatever certain people may think, heavy ships of some sort or another are still essential. Taking the average price per ton of ship-building in Great Britain and America, the reduction in size suggested would eventually save us about 15 millions sterling, and the United States some 22 millions sterling.

Huge aircraft-carriers of the type of the American Lexington and Caratogo of 33,000 tons are definitely unsuitable, being too large, too unwieldy, and too costly to operate. The same may be said for our Courageous, Glorious and Furious of 25,500 tons. Yet each nation is allowed by Treaty to build two 33,000 ton ships of this type, and others of 27,000 tons. A substantial reduction in size for the future would bring about economy.

The same may be said for the 10,000-ton 8-inch gun cruisers produced as a result of the Washington Treaty. America favours these large and costly vessels, and is even said to be producing a new super-cruiser which will render obsolete the earlier 10,000 tonners, of which we have our full quota. This is rivalry pure and simple, particularly as we find these ships too big either for fleet or for convoy duties.

None of these economies is possible, however, unless all other Naval Powers fall into line. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Geneva Conference will produce a genuine desire on the part of all other Powers to follow Britain's example, and to disarm to the point genuinely considered needful for national security, not for national pride or aggrandisement. People are weary of war and threats of war, and none of the Conferences held or the Treaties signed up to date have altogether removed those feelings of rivalry which are so inimical to the peace of the world.

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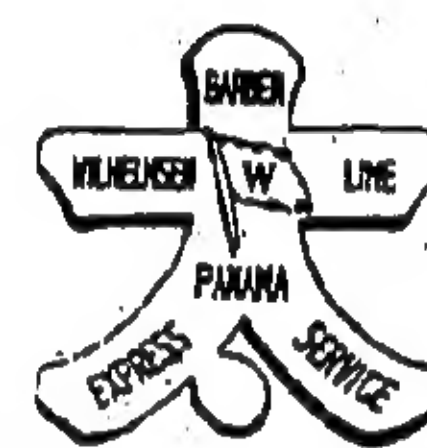
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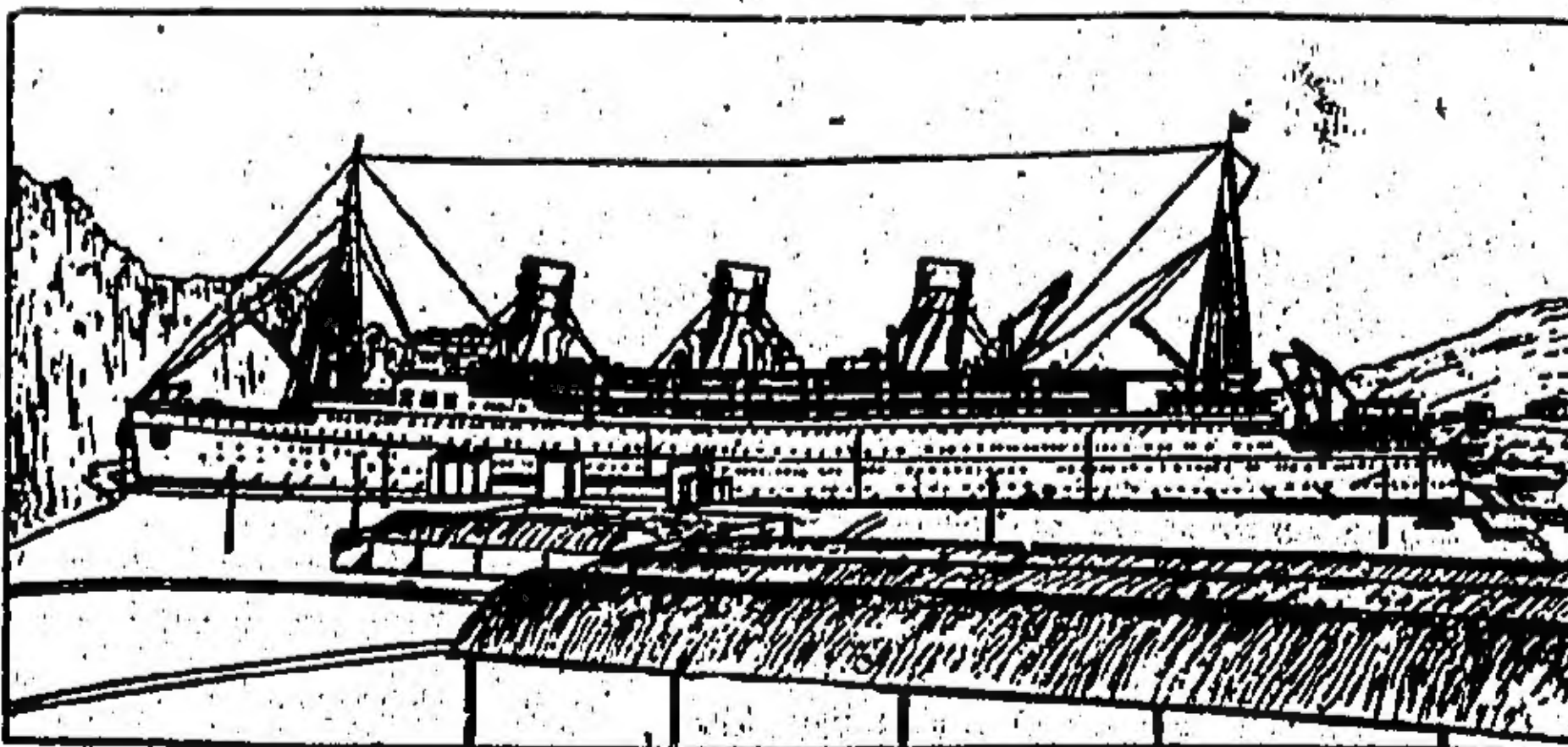
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The mantle of the once popular Constance Talmadge has fallen upon the shoulders of the charming Dorothy Mackall. See her with Warner Baxter in "Their Mad Moment" which tells of the story of a worldly American girl and a French peasant. Both stars are at their best, although there is nothing outstanding to the picture. Just one of those that makes you glad you went to see it. Dorothy never lets a picture down, and the same can be said of Baxter. (Central).

I said last week that the average intelligence of a picture audience is about nine years of age. I felt nine when I saw "Delicious," but I enjoyed it. I like it so much because I enjoy seeing the children around me laughing and loving the two charming leads—winsome beautiful Janet Gaynor, and the good looking, Charles Farrell. Then, to be sure, El Brendel has never been better. I advise you to see it, it passes a most pleasant evening. (King's).

I am keen to see my delightful Bebe Daniels with her husband,



Ben Lyon, in "Alias French Gertie." It is frothy, light and amusing. Coming to the Queen's.

Louis Wolheim gives a great performance in "Danger Lights," a Radio special. All about trains, makes the Iron Horse seem a living breathing thing. Jean Arthur and Bob Armstrong, with Hugh Herbert being funny as the tramp. If you like the roaring rails you'll like this, and the story runs smoothly with thrills in plenty and beautiful scenery. I liked it immensely. (Queen's).

Charles Chaplin in "City Lights," Constance Bennett, who gives an artificial performance, but, as usual, looks beautiful and appealing in "Common Clay," with the popular handsome young Lew Ayres, and the first British all-talkie "Blackmail," but which, still ranks as among the best of the early films, are all due at the Star, Kowloon.

Elaborately produced, "The Night Angel" has a wealth of foreign atmosphere. It all happens in Prague where Fredric March is a sort of District Attorney, and Nancy Carroll is a Czech-Slovakian maiden who does not know her own mind. March learns to love her, so does wicked Alan Hale who happens to work in the same Cafe as Nancy. The hero attacks the villain with a nail file. Nancy exonerates him at the trial, long chase through streets, with final fade-out of Nancy imprinting betrothal kiss on Fredrick's lips, and we hope they are happy ever after. (King's).

## "The Reckless Age."

Do you remember an old movie called "The Goose Hangs High"? It comes to us now under the title of "This Reckless Age." It is strong in characterization, and the roles are excellently acted, two stage favourites, being especially good. Richard Bennett and Frances Starr as the parents. Buddy Rogers vindicates himself to his "father" who insists that he should always play this sort of part. Peggy Shan-

non and Frances Dee are two of my favourites now, and we must not forget the picture stealer Charlie Ruggles. The story is about the typical American youth, but in the end we find their hearts are in the right places. It is interesting and enjoyable. (King's).

"The Painted Desert" is a melodrama of the wide open West where men are cow-punchers and sheriffs, featuring Bill Boyd, William Farnum, and Farrell Macdonald, NOT overlooking a certain actor now world famous who learnt to ride in this film, and also how to act on the screen. He does not have much to do, but you will remark on him. Clark Gable is the name. Helen Twelvetrees is the heroine. Coming to the Central.

## What To Expect Soon.

"Over the Hill." Real old melodrama revived, with a former favourite Mae Marsh staging a grand come-back as the poor old much-to-be-pitied mother. What a cast! James Dunn and Sally Eilers. To be recommended. (King's).

"Hindle Wakes," British film of life in Lancashire, (hope the accent is not too pronounced). This will be followed by another stirring thrilling adventure of that suave Charlie Chan, in "The Black Camel," and then the one and only Jeanette Macdonald with Reginald Denny in a story wherein an opera star marries a burglar. "Oh for a Man!" Quite good fun with Miss Macdonald revelling in comedy. (King's).

Lawrence Tibbett singing divinely and whose acting has improved, with Lupe Velez doing the best work since "The Gaucho." The story tells of a marine who loves a little



Cuban pea-nut vendor. "Cuban Love Song" will surely please. Then, soon we shall have Norma Shearer and Robert Montgomery in "Private Lives"—I hear they both give perfect performance. Coming to the Queen's.

"The Last Parade" is fast, stirring, and human, and if you thrill at the threat and killings of racketeers you must not miss this. Believe me, too, the acting is grand. Constance Cummings is alone worth seeing, and you can't beat Jack Holt and Tom Moore. It may depress you, but it will make you THINK. Coming to Central.

## Did You Know That?

Dorothy Mackall born in Hull, earned her first pennies selling newspapers. She ran away to join a London chorus, drifted to a Revue in Paris, then to the States and Ziegfeld Follies. She married Lothar Mendez and divorced him after ten days. Recently she married Neil Miller who sings in a cabaret. She made good in Movies, but excels in talkies. Has become a loyal American citizen.

Joel McCrea went into pictures because he adored Bill Hart. He says he does not have to work half so hard as the average clerk who receives \$35 a week, while his pay envelope is never less than \$750.

Louis Wolheim taught this boy much about screen work. He is improving all the time, good looking and natural. Constance Bennett, who has married three times, and has never known anything but wealth and luxury, is now stated to be the highest paid artiste in films. Without attempting to glorify an actor who has passed on, they say that Louis Wolheim was one of the finest and most generous souls in the film colony. Constance Cummings has just been lent to act as leading lady in Harold Lloyd's new comedy.

Bebe Daniels is a shining example of chic sophistication, her gowns, her voice and her poise reflecting the experience of a woman of the world. She is very happily married to Ben Lyon with one daughter Barbara, their pride and joy.

Peggy Shannon who was not given real chances by Paramount has done fine work with Fox, who recognise her talent.

Warner Baxter is among the few stars who still remains married to



his one and only wife. She was once his leading lady in Stock Companies.

Bebe Daniels is planning on a world tour with Wheeler and Woolsey.

"The Man I Killed" has been produced as a stage play in London. Mr. and Mrs. Clive Brook have recently returned from an enjoyable visit to the old country. Beryl Mercer, born in Spain, was once the wife of the English actor Holmes Herbert.

She has one daughter. Beatrice Lillie is acting in the latest play from the pen of Bernard Shaw.

Norman Mackinnell, who has appeared here recently in more than one British film, had been chosen to play the King in Cochran's revival of "The Miracle."

Lady Diana Duff-Cooper will again play the Madonna. The sad death of Mackinnell is to be deplored. Tom Moore and his first wife Alice Joyce, are appearing in a sketch, together on the vaudeville stage in the States. Both are now married to non-professionals.

Buddy Rogers is doing remarkably well in Ziegfeld Follies and Night Clubs. He plays twelve instruments and sings quite nicely. Edmund Lowe has left Fox and signed to Columbia, and so has Walter Huston, two grand actors.

## ALIEN VISITORS WHO WERE "LOST."

Official Returns  
Revelations.

During last year twenty-one aliens out of 11,739 who entered the United Kingdom on return excursion tickets without passport were "lost"—or did not depart—while twelve left the country with similar tickets (out of 698) and did not return.

This is revealed by an official return which was issued on April 8. Aliens travelling with these excursion tickets for one or two days or the week-end are closely scrutinised on arrival and their departure is checked, it is explained. "Exclusive of week-enders, 376,206 alien passengers entered the United Kingdom, 78,546 less than in 1930. Leave to land was refused to 2,715 aliens, compared with 2,235 in the preceding year. In fifty-nine cases they were rejected on definite medical grounds. In four cases unwanted aliens came by air."

Deportees at Plymouth. When the President Roosevelt reached Plymouth from New York on April 7, of the 389 passengers 319 were either deportees or removals, whose fares to their respective homes have been paid by the United States Government because the people were out of work or likely to become a public charge. There were 124 for France and 155 for Germany.



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## PIYAMA GIRL ON WIND-JAMMER.

Craving for Excitement.

Adelaide.—A 23-year-old girl has arrived here on the wind-jammer Favell. Excepting the skipper's wife, she was the only woman among the crew of 25 on the 141-day voyage from Finland, but she paraded on deck in plus fours and pyjamas—and found it slow.

She is craving excitement and intends to leave Adelaide shortly on a hike to Sydney, if she can secure a girl companion.

She says that she can get there in less than a month.

Then she aims to cruise around the South Sea Islands, motor across America, travel through Africa—and then go home. That is the life that Miss F. Borg, of Helsingfors (Finland) likes.

Miss Borg is an artist, but for this adventure she has turned journalist and cartoonist. She has a charming personality and was the idol of those on board the Favell.

ted that towards the end of the trip she became rather tired of it all.

The Favell was honoured. It may be a slow—it is the smallest of the whole fleet—but it was the first to display beach pyjamas on the high seas. And the sailors were amused.

She wore three suits of pyjamas, and when the weather was cold, she appeared in plus-fours and a sweater.

She did not try climbing the rigging like Miss Lena Ringhorn, who came out in the Viking. Nor did she have to weather any gales, for the voyage of the Favell was practically without incident.

"I have been in small yachts before. I own a 22-foot one," she said. "But the Favell was so different from sailing in my yacht."

While in America, Miss Borg hopes to interview many women talkie stars at Hollywood. She intends to go back to Durban and travel through Africa before returning to Finland. She is not perturbed at the idea of such an adventurous trip around the world as she is making.

The only other woman on-board the Favell was Mrs. Sten Lilla, wife of the captain.

## STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February, 1932, (Standard time of the 120th Meridian; East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

May	Sunrise.	Sunset.
4	5.49	6.51 p.m.
5	5.49	6.52 "
6	5.48	6.52 "
7	5.47	6.53 "
8	5.47	6.53 "
9	5.47	6.53 "
10	5.46	6.54 "
11	5.45	6.54 "
12	5.45	6.55 "
13	5.44	6.55 "
14	5.43	6.55 "
15	5.43	6.56 "
16	5.43	6.57 "
17	5.42	6.57 "
18	5.42	6.57 "
19	5.42	6.58 "
20	5.41	6.58 "
21	5.41	6.59 "
22	5.41	7.00 "
23	5.40	7.00 "
24	5.40	7.01 "
25	5.40	7.01 "
26	5.40	7.01 "
27	5.39	7.02 "
28	5.39	7.02 "
29	5.39	7.03 "
30	5.39	7.03 "



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## ARREST OF PROMINENT AMERICAN

### LINDBERGH BABY RECOVERY GRAFT

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Washington, Yesterday.  
Gaston B. Means, described as a friend of the  
late President Harding, was arrested to-day on a  
charge of obtaining U.S. \$100,000 from the wife of  
the publisher of the "Washington Post," by repre-  
senting that he would recover the Lindbergh baby.

Gaston Means was a member of the American Secret Service  
and was prominent in connection with the "Teapot Dome" scandal.  
Albert Fall, the ex-Secretary of Naval Affairs, who was in-  
volved in the "Teapot Dome" scandal, is being released from the  
penitentiary on Sunday. — Reuter's American Service.

### WATER SHORTAGE IN THE COLONY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The average amount of water  
consumed throughout the year in  
Hong Kong, is approximately 22  
gallons per head. The figure for  
Kowloon is roughly 4 gallons less,  
that is, 18 gallons per head. Dr.  
Balean stated that this is far in  
excess of the amount adequate for  
health and cleanliness. Ten gallons,  
he claims, should be ample for all  
the requirements of each individual.

He saw no reason why salt water  
should not be used for domestic  
purposes, for washing, baths, clean-  
ing, etc. If it were used the re-  
sult would be an enormous saving  
of fresh water; in fact, he be-  
lieved that there would then be no  
danger whatsoever of a water  
shortage.

#### Initial Outlay.

The initial outlay of providing  
for machinery to pump the salt  
water up to the various levels would  
be a fairly heavy item of expendi-  
ture, but it would pay in the end,  
and would justify itself if only as  
the means of eliminating a dis-  
graceful waste.

The water would have to be pump-  
ed up by means of several automatic  
stations and would be conveyed  
through non-corrosive pipes.  
If this system were in operation,  
the fresh water collected in the  
catchwater could be diverted  
straight to a main tank and supplied  
to householders by means of meters,  
each household being limited to a  
proportionate amount per day. Thus  
each household would have three  
taps; one for fresh water, one for  
hot sea water, and a third for cold  
sea water.

#### Special Soap.

Asked whether salt water would  
not be suitable for washing pur-  
pose owing to the difficulty of mak-  
ing a lather, Dr. Balean stated that  
such an obstacle could quite easily  
be overcome by the use of a special

kind of soap which would lather in  
salt water.

Surely it was worth a little  
trouble and initial expense, he ad-  
ded, in order to save the Colony the  
humiliating experience of having  
to apply to distant ports like Shang-  
hai and Singapore for emergency  
supplies during a water shortage?  
If people were more economical in  
their use of fresh water and used  
sea water for all purposes other  
than for consumption, he thought  
further shortages would be un-  
known in Hong Kong.

#### Turned Off at Night.

A notice has been issued from the  
Water Authority, Public Works  
Department, to the effect, that  
commencing to-morrow all water  
supply will, until further notice, be  
turned off daily in all districts of  
the Colony, between the hours of  
8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

## R.A.F. AIRMEN FREED.

Taken Prisoners by  
Tribe in Kurdistan.

London, Yesterday.  
The Air Ministry to-day received  
information that Flying Officer  
Wills and Leading Aircraftman  
Evans, who recently made a forced  
landing and were taken prisoners by  
a tribe in Northern Kurdistan, have  
been released and have returned to  
their unit.

Both are reported to be well—  
British Wireless Service.

## A "FORWARDING AGENCY."

Criticism of the Lytton  
Commission.

London, Yesterday.  
"The Lytton Commission's sole  
function so far, has been to act  
as a forwarding agency for the  
Japanese military authorities in  
Manchuria" declares the Manches-  
ter Guardian in a leading article.  
It adds that the Commission's  
preliminary report consists entire-  
ly of information from Japanese  
sources concerning the number and  
disposal of Japanese troops in Man-  
churia, which General Honjo could  
have sent to the League.—Reuter.

#### Mission in Changchun.

Changchun, Yesterday.  
Mr. Henry Pu Yi received the  
League Commission and entertain-  
ed them at luncheon to-day. The  
Commission, which is proceeding to  
Wanpashan to-morrow, also inter-  
viewed Mr. Hsi Hsia and General  
Komal.—Reuter.

## STRANGE HAPPENING ON S.S. TUNG ON

YOUTH THROWN OVERBOARD BY  
FELLOW STUDENTS.

### RESCUED BY REVENUE LAUNCH

A strange incident, savouring more of an  
Edgar Wallace "thriller" than of real life, took  
place on the s.s. Tung On, on her trip from Canton  
to Hong Kong, on Wednesday night, when a student,  
Luk Po-yi, was thrown overboard by two  
Chinese males, also thought to be students.

Luk Po-yi, who is a student in  
Canton, was coming to Hong  
Kong on a visit, and was sitting  
out on the deck on a camp bed.  
Shortly before 10 o'clock he went  
to the rail of the boat. Two  
other Chinese males approached  
him, and he recognised them as  
youths who were out to "get  
him." They seized him and  
flung him overboard before he  
could make any outcry. When in

the water he shouted for help but  
was unheard.

Revenue Officer Humphreys,  
cruising in Capsulmun Pass with  
Revenue Cutter R.O. II, at 10.25  
saw Luk Po-yi floating, and re-  
scued him. Returning to Kow-  
loon with all speed, the s.s.  
Tung On was visited after its ar-  
rival but no arrests were made.  
Luk's assailants are described  
by him as fellow-students, and  
are alleged to be Communists.

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